

I fully support this initiative. The elimination of the 5wpm morse code is needed. When it was established there were no computers as there are today. Now with my computer I can send and receive code without actually being able to "copy" it by hand. I have a neurologic problem that makes the code nearly impossible to use, but there is no waiver process in place. I have passed the written portion of the General class test, but because I cannot do the code, I cannot advance.

The testing that is conducted is enough to forstall the problem of amateur radio becoming just another CB stop. With the no code Technician license if this were going to occur it would already be a problem. It is not. Therefore the argument that the code requirement is somehow a protection against CB type usage on the amateur bands just does not hold water.

The argument that code is the easiest to use in a disaster just isn't valid either. With a computer and my radio powered in my car I can easily do emergency communications without code required, and for my money voice communication is a great deal more reliable than code. There are no misunderstandings, or faulty "copies" that may muddy the waters in an emergency.

Please sustain this initiative. Thanks